

## Body Work

Before she undressed me  
she removed my watch  
and ring. Then, with devotion  
such as I had never seen,  
she began at the top  
and worked her way  
down: shirt, tee shirt,  
pants, shorts, shoes, socks.

When I was naked and  
complete, she stepped  
back to look at me for a long  
time. Then she began  
again at the top,  
working her way  
down with devotion  
such as I had never seen.

-- William Virgil Davis

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## For Those Advanced Enuf To Love

"what have I made of living  
but to reach for life"

-- Edouard Maunick

all that I have  
to celebrate  
is in the kitchen  
where I have learned  
the plot of my life --

knives of airplane wings  
forks of mathematics  
spoons of conversation.

shipwrecks of cereal boxes  
swamps of mason jar jelly  
rainstorms of kool aid.

it is magic,  
my life reached for  
& placed before me --  
the details of Christmas  
are everywhere.

kitchen poetry, daily love  
for those most advanced  
in perception & celebration.